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I urge you to require polluters to clean up our air to protect public health.

I also urge you to help by limiting everyone's exposure to secondhand smoke-please!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Hope Smith
Reston, VA 20194

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